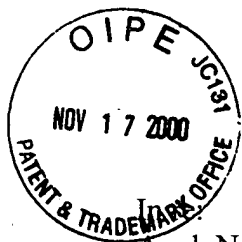


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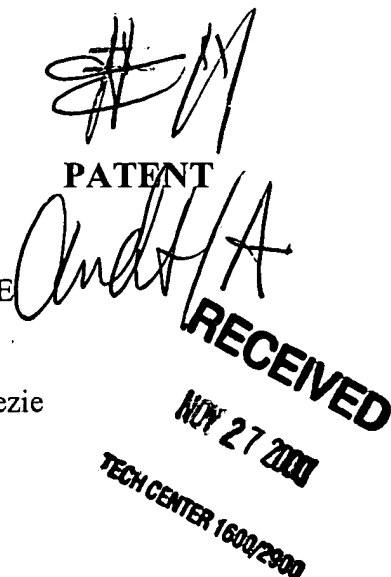


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Shirley *et al.*
Appl. No.: 09/187,661
Express Mailed: November 6, 1998
For: NOVEL IGF-I COMPOSITION AND ITS USE

Group Art Unit: 1653
Examiner: F. T. Moezie

November 15, 2000



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed May 16, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Specification

At page 2, line 2, please replace "_____" with --09/188,051--.

At page 8, line 6, please replace "_____" with --09/188,051--.

At page 14, line 29, please replace "_____" with --09/188,051--.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims, as follows.

Please amend claim 1, as follows:

1. (amended) A [highly concentrated]low salt-containing [IGF-I] composition[, said composition] comprising biologically active human IGF-I or biologically active variant thereof

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